

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO.4**  
**February 15, 2011 3:00 pm Room 335**

**Senate Agriculture committee**

**Thank you Chairman Donald Steinbeisser and Senate  
committee member for allowing me to comment on House  
Joint Resolution No 4.**

**My name is Dyrck Van Hyning, I am a Montana Food and  
Candy Broker and reside outside of Great Falls. I am a  
volunteer members of the Friends of the Missouri Breaks  
National Monument. I would like to make three points to  
this resolution which I oppose.**

- 1. It is not true that informed members of the public woke up  
one morning and found that the President through the  
antiquities act established a National Monument.**
- 2. Oil and Gas development on valid existing leases (valid  
existing rights) have not been canceled.**
- 3. Not a single Animal Unit Month (AUM) has been  
eliminated in the Monument.**

**The designation of the Upper Missouri River Breaks National**

**Monument in January 2001 was many years in the making. It involved land managers, elected officials, and hundreds of citizen comments. And it followed four previous designations in the region including a Wild and Scenic River designation. The following is a time line of the Monument process.**

**February 1999 A map of the proposed monument was created by the BLM and shown to the legislators, 6 sessions ago. I have a copy of that map here.**

**May, 1999 Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt toured the area with Senator Max Baucus, author/historian Stephen Ambrose, and author Dayton Duncan.**

**August, 1999 Recognizing the assets of the area, the BLM's Central Montana Resource Advisory Council (a 15-member stakeholder group made of livestock, oil and gas, recreation, and environmental interests) started a public input process to develop recommendations to the Secretary for a monument designation and future management of the Breaks.**

**1999-2000: RAC process lasts eighteen months and includes public meetings across Montana. Public comments submitted to RAC strongly support creation of a Monument.**

**Supporters of Monument start petition eventually signed by over 6,000 Montanans.**

**June, 2000: Secretary Babbitt met with the Montana Congressional delegation in Washington D.C. to discuss the status of the proposal, legislative options, and the importance of holding true to the recommendations of the RAC.**

**September 2000: Secretary Babbitt came to Montana for public hearings. I was at the Great Falls hearing.**

**December 22, 2000: Secretary Babbitt recommended to the President that the area be proclaimed a national monument.**

**January 17, 2001: President Clinton designated the Upper Missouri River Breaks as a national monument. The boundaries are much the same as the February 1999 map.**

**2. Oil and Gas leases. 377,000 acres of federal land in the UMRBNM, of that 42,805 acres on 43 units are leased, mostly pre-NEPA leases 1967 to 1970 area. There has been 169 gas wells, no oil wells drilled, with only 4 wells currently producing natural gas.**

**T24N - R20E Sec 12 1449 Mcf  
T25N - R20E Sec 3 3553 Mcf  
T25N - R19E Sec 28 (Old) 1976  
T25N - R19E Sec 28 (New) 760 Mcf**

**As you can tell, there is not much gas potential in the UMRBNM.**

**3. Public lands are getting more and more use from the public, hunters, anglers, hikers, bird watchers, campers and others. These public members are taking more interest on how their lands are managed.**

**The cattle industry state they are stewards of the land, protect the resources because their living comes from the land.**

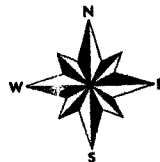
**The oil and gas industry tells us multi-use of all public lands is important to them.**

**Raising management status for BLM lands increases the funding by congress and benefits all users, including traditional uses. We need to keep the family units on the land. No one person or group has ever stated that a National Monument has adversely affectedd their livelihood, in fact the property value of land around the Monument has increased substantiality.**

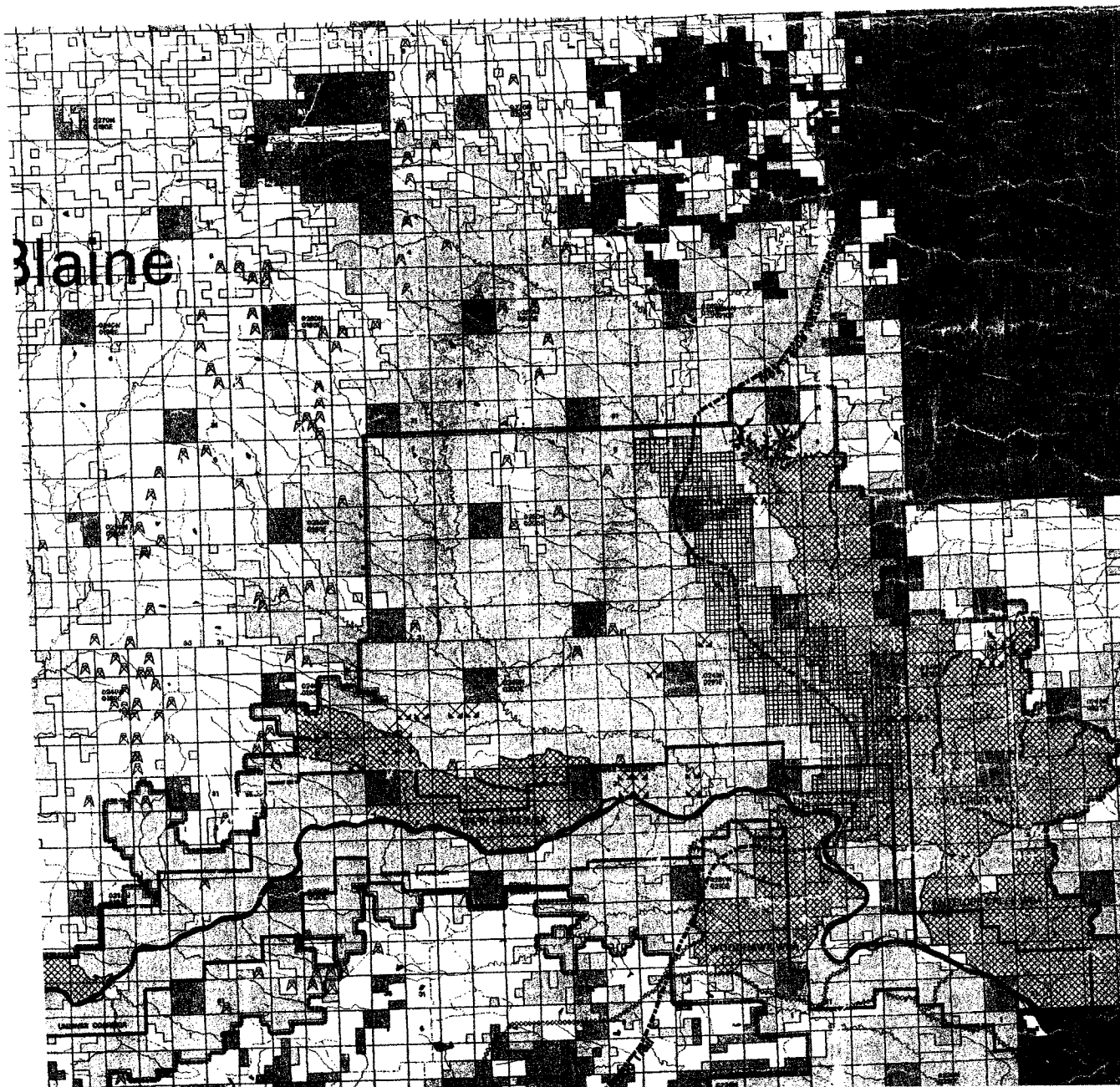
**Don't believe everything I tell you, don't believe what others tell you, do your own research and determine what's best for our country and Montana, now and in the future.**

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## MISSOURI RIVER NATIONAL DESIGNATION PROPOSAL--PRELIMINARY MAP

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| Legend                         | Wilderness Study Areas                      |
| B.M. Lands                     | Area of Critical Environmental Concern      |
| National Refuge Lands          | Producing Oil or Gas Well                   |
| Other Lands                    | Gravel Pit                                  |
| National Wildlife Refuge Lands | Mining Claims                               |
| Blackfoot-Tongue Lands         | Upper Missouri National Wild & Scenic River |
| State Lands                    | Tentative Boundary                          |
| Private                        | Not Permitted                               |



# UPPER MISSOURI RIVER BREAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT

- Legend**
- Bismarck Lands (Barn to G.M.)
  - National Forest Lands
  - Indian Lands
  - National Wildlife Refuge Lands
  - Bismarck National Forest Lands
  - Private

- Authorized Oil and Gas Leases
- Producing Gas Well
- Multiple Completion 2 Gas
- Gas Well Shut-In
- Oil A Show of Gas
- Oil A Show of Oil
- Oil Gas Well
- Oil No Shows
- Service Well

(NCA - Protected and Abandoned)

- Proposed Wells
- Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument Boundary
- New Range Trail
- Missouri Breaks Backcountry Byway



Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument  
 Boundary  
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